Cost of production of one unit of Coal Mine in Nagpur

1257. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of production of one unit of coal mines of the Western Coalfields Ltd. Nagpur;

(b) how does it compare with the cost of production per unit in other Coalfields ;

(c) what is the element of administrative costs in the total cost of production; and

(Id) what steps are being taken by Government to reduce the cost of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) According to information received from Coal India Limited (CIL) details of the cost of production of coal and Administrative Expenses included in the cost for various subsidiaries of CIL during 1992-93 were as follows :

Name of the Company	Cost of production (Rs. per tonne)	Admn. Exp. (Rs. per tonne)
1. Western Coalfields Ltd.	354.52	16.93
2. Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	597.90	28.17
3. Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	499.06	30.54
4. Central Coalfields Ltd.	313.00	22.75
5. South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	255.46	12.17
6. Northern Coalfields Ltd.	239.37	6.42
7. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd	148.65	8.81

(d) Steps taken to reduce cost of production of coal include the following:—

(i) Improved manpower planning, including redeployment of surplus workers and restricting the intake of new employees against vacancies caused by natural shortages.

(ii) Reduction in manpower through voluntary retirement scheme.

(iii) The concept of 'all men—all job' is being tried on an experimental basis.

(iv) Increase in production and productivity with special emphasis on underground mines.

(v) Improvement in the availability and utilisation of equipment by providing adequate workshop support, improved management of spares and timely rehabilitation of equipment.

(vi) A number of systems improvement and managerial measures have been adopted to improve efficiency of operations.

International Cooperation for Coal Industry

1258. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what are the new areas in which the Coal Industry is seeking international co operation ;

(b) what is the state of participation of CIS countries in our Coal programme, in view of the fact that erstwhile USSR was associating with our Coal industry in many ways ;

(c) what sort of expertise is needed from foreign countries for our coal industries; and

(d) when our coal industry is likely to be 'elf sufficient in these areas ?